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Fulbright Irks Diplomats

Some State Department officials were annoyed to learn that Chairman J. William Fulbright's questioning of witnesses at closed hearings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Dominican intervention was done with the aid of a confidential memorandum from a reporter who was in Santo Domingo.

"That's a hell of a way to set foreign policy," said one official when he learned that the memorandum was written by an Eastern reporter who has criticized the U.S. intervention.

The memo, it was learned, was not volunteered by the reporter, but was sought by Fulbright. Witnesses who have testified before the committee have included Undersecretary of State Thomas C. Mann, principal architect of America's policy toward Latin America, and Ambassador to the Dominican Republic W. Tapley Bennett.

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